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Third Cohort of Students Receives Master of Education Degree from Kabul Education University

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | APRIL 3, 2012 — Today, Deputy Minister of Higher Education Osman Babury, United States Agency for International Development's (USAID) Deputy Mission Director Brooke Isham and other Afghan and U.S. Government officials attended the Graduation Ceremony for twenty one students at Kabul Education University. The ceremony celebrated the third cohort of students who have received Master's of Education degree.

A total of five cohorts, each with 22 students, have been admitted into this USAID-funded graduate program since 2007. More than half of the students come from the provinces outside Kabul. Fifty per cent of them are women.

"USAID-funded Masters' of Education Program at Kabul Education University has become a model which the Ministry of Higher Education would like to see replicated in all other new Masters' Degree Programs, especially in terms of gender equity and with 50 percent of female students in each cohort," – said Deputy Minister Babury.

USAID is committed to improving the quality of higher education in Afghanistan through partnership with the Ministry of Higher Education.

"Education is perhaps the single most important investment that any nation can make for a sustainable and improved future. The quality of the education system must begin at the very top, with the development of a cadre of well-educated faculty members who, in turn, train the teachers for the nation's schools,"- said Deputy Mission Director Brooke Isham.

The Master of Education Program is a component of USAID's Higher Education Project (HEP), designed in partnership with the Ministry of Higher Education to improve the quality of teaching and academic administration in the country and increase the number of faculty members with graduate degrees to eventually meet accreditation criteria.

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